THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee arc under examination.

Quality of News Broadcasts and Telecast in India

915. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the popularity of news telecast and broadcast by the Doordarshan and Akashvani respectively is less as compared to the International media;

(b) whether it is a fact that the public find the news telecasts by foreign T.V. net-works more credible than that of the Doordarshan and Akashwani;

(c) whether the Doordarshan is having its own network for news collection and news reports;

(d) if not, the action proposed to be taken by Government in this direction; and

(e) if no action is proposed, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) There are some correspondents at 8 cities.

(d) The news gathering set up is being reorganised. However, as a general practice the news is taken form AIR, PTI and UNI.

(e) Does not arise.

Entry of Foreign Media through Fradulent Means

916. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Newspaper Employees Federation has, in Memorandum submitted to the Prime Minister, expressed its deep concern over the international conspiracy by foreign media to enter India through fradulent means for obtaining a trade mark for their "brand name" as if newspapers were a commodity; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Several writ petitions have since been filed seeking the Court's direction restraining Registrar of Trade Marks and Registrar of Newspapers for India from registering foreign newspapers. The matter is subjudice.

Use of English and Hindi words in Tamil Broadcasts

917. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that English and Hindi words are used in Tamil broadcasts of All India Radio; and

(b) the reasons for which Tamil words of Akhila India Vanozhi are not used in Tamil broadcasts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present practice of using the name "All India Radio" from radio